

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED (PY-337):

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase all purpose egg mix for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix in one or more of the following forms:

Pouches (076048) – All purpose egg mix packaged in plastic laminated foil pouches, 6 ounces (170 g) to each pouch, and packed 48 6-ounce (170-g) pouches per fiberboard shipping container with 18 pounds (8.16 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 2,000 shipping containers totaling 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg) net weight.

Polyethylene Bags (076010) – All purpose egg mix packaged in polyethylene bags, 10 pounds (4.54 kg) to each bag, and packed four 10-pound (4.54-kg) polyethylene bags per fiberboard shipping container with 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Aug. 18, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Friday, Aug. 22, for products to be delivered from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, and Dec. 1 to Dec. 15.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

There are some important changes to this year's program. Under the food defense requirements, all non-conformances listed in the audit report must be addressed in writing within 14 days to the Contracting Officer. Plans must also have been audited since February 7, 2008. In addition, Program Announcements have been replaced with the Master Solicitation for Commodity Purchases and a Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA. Also, qualified bidders must provide annual financial updates to Dun & Bradstreet as detailed in the Qualification Requirements.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the Master Solicitation dated May 2008; Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors dated May 2008; Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated September 2006; and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world-wide-web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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